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CHANGES IN STAFF BY RIGHTIST GROUP

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 — Americans for Constitutional Action, a conservative political action and research organization, has announced changes in its staff and board of trustees.

An announcement distributed yesterday said that retired Army Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Lahe had been elected to the newly created office of president, chief executive officer and member of the executive committee of the board of trustees.

Gen. Lane, a military columnist for newspapers, was plans and operations officer on the engineer staff of Gen. Douglas MacArthur in World War II and has been engineer commissioner of the District of Columbia and president of the Mississippi River Commission.

The announcement listed 11 new trustees:

Cooper P. Benedict of Lewisburg, W. Va., a deputy assistant secretary of defense in the Dwight D. Eisenhower Administration; former Senator Joe H. Bottum (Rep.), South Dakota, an attorney in Rapid City, S.D.; Anthony Bouscaren, professor of political science at Le Moyne College, Syracuse, N.Y.; Walter Brennan of Moorpark, Calif.,

motion picture and television actor; Clarence Carson, professor of American history at Grove City (Pa.) College.

Former Representative James C. Davis (Dem.), Georgia, publisher of the Atlanta Times. He supported Senator Barry M. Goldwater in the 1964 campaign and is on the advisory committee of Billy James Hargis's Christian Crusade.

The Rev. T. Robert Ingram, rector of St. Thomas's Episcopal Church and school, Houston, Tex.; William Loeb, president and publisher of the Manchester (N.Y.) Union Leader; James E. Price of Birmingham, Ala., organizer in 1956 of an independent Southern labor union called Southern Crafts, Inc., and more recently an ACA organizer and adviser in Alabama.

Former Representative Henry C. Schadeberg (Rep.), Wisconsin, a clergyman in Burlington, Wis.; and former Representative Gordon Scherer (Rep.), Ohio, an attorney in Cincinnati.

Earlier, the organization had added to its board of trustees Dr. Thomas Parker, a physician of Greenville, S.C., who was listed as an indorser of the John Birch Society in that organization's bulletin in 1962.

Adm. Ben Moreel, chairman of the board of trustees, issuing the announcement, described the group as a nonprofit, nonpartisan political action organization founded to fight threats to "our constitutional federated republic and our individual freedoms."